



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 16, 2011

The Commission Board Meeting took place on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 10:54am in the Indiana State House, Room 101. No quorum was established to conduct business; minutes, financial reports and commission action items will be tabled until the next meeting.

Roll Call

Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Virgil Madden proxy for Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Elijah Neal Jr., Adrienne Shields proxy for Mike Carr, Rev. Joe Smith, Lynn Smith proxy for Gina Eckart, Wayne Wellington

Absent – Kenneth Allen, Tim Brown proxy for Bruce Lemmon, Rep. Tim Brown, Laura Heinrich proxy for Gregory Larkin, Mindy Lewis, Robert Marshall Jr., Sen. Scott Schneider, Shanida Sharp-Byrnes proxy for Tony Bennett, Rep. Vernon Smith, Rob Wynkoop

Guest – Anthony Beverly with Stop the Violence Indy and Chuck Wilson with Agency for Instructional Technology, Bloomington

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Financial Report

Commissioners were provided copies of the financial reports for the period of January 2011-March 2011. No expenditures have been made from our Donations (6000) account; the ongoing operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account.

Discussion

Mr. Garrett provided an update on the status of the Annual Report. Meetings have been held with the point persons of each focus area to update the data, tables, charts, and coordinating the problem statements and executive summary. Presently they are awaiting information from the Criminal Justice and Employment sections to incorporate into the modified document. Chairman Madden stated we need to complete this project in a timely manner, and asked Commissioner Shields to follow up with Tim Brown and Vickie Seegert so we can get the report done and ready to vote on by March 31st. He stated we will use this document as our template for future annual reports.

Mr. Garrett provided information to commissioners on two initiatives the Commission should engage in.

The Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program

In collaboration with The Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program, the Gary, Ft. Wayne and Evansville local commissions, city of Indianapolis, South Bend, and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, an Indiana Statewide Barbershop Initiative will be held. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 30, 2011 throughout local Black owned barbershops. This initiative will offer free screenings to attendees for Diabetes and High Blood Pressure; educational information on Prostate Cancer and community resource referrals will also be provided. Mr. Garrett stated he would like to suggest the Commission support this initiative. Mr. Garrett will prepare a proposed budget for Commission approval. Commissioner Shields requested the proposed budget identify what Commission monies will be used for specifically. Additional information regarding the initiative and proposed budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

Statewide Fatherhood Expo

For the second year in a row, in conjunction with local and statewide organizations, the Commission will be a co-supporter for the Indiana Statewide Fatherhood Expo on May 21, 2011 at the Forest Manor Professional Development Center. The goal is to increase the productive role of fathers in the lives of their family and children by providing useful information, workshops and helpful resources. There is no financial obligation associated with this collaboration for the commission. Mr. Garrett will provide commissioners with more information about this initiative and opportunities to be a volunteer or conduct a workshop.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:21am